



## **EAST GREENBUSH FIRE COMPANY**

February 2010 Company Meeting

February 16, 2010

President Tooker called the February 2010 meeting to order at 7:08pm. A pledge of the flag, a moment of silence for our departed members, and roll call were all completed. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from January. Chris Linck seconds the motion and the motion is carried.

### **MONTHLY VISA BILL REPORT**

President Tooker reports the new balance for the Visa card is \$2,204.23. The only large purchase over two hundred dollars was the January 8<sup>th</sup> purchase of \$700.00 from Staffords. This purchase was the food for the adults Christmas party. The previous balance of \$2,034.37 was paid in full and received by the creditor on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to accept the Visa bill report. Kathy Miller seconds the motion and the report is accepted by the membership.

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

Treasurer Paul Benson reports for the absent Nancy Baker. P. Benson reports there were 60 checks written for the month of January. Fifteen (15) checks were written for over \$500.00. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept the report, Nelson Williams seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Treasurer P. Benson reports the total income for the month of January is \$11,036.29. The total expenses were \$29,267.97. Our total assets are \$126,842.17. Tom Gullo makes a motion to accept the report, Jim Cartright seconds the motion, and the report is accepted.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS**

The Fire Company received a letter from the Rensselaer County Board of Elections regarding use of our hall for primary day at the same rate as previous years. We received a letter from Verizon stating that Jeanie Mastin qualifies for their volunteer firefighter incentives program once again. The Woodstock Fire Company is looking for our endorsement of Duncan Wilson as Director of HVVFA. West Athens also sent a letter also looking for an endorsement of Marilyn Schrader for position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of HVVFA.

## **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS**

District Chief Ed Di' Martino reports as of today there have been 50 calls. The next Line Officers meeting will be February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the normal location, here at HQ. Please remember that we have to be accountable for our own equipment. Too many things have been left behind at fire scenes. This is happening too much, and is getting a little ridiculous! OSHA class #4 will be next week. February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The drill will be at the Main Station. Make-up drills will be discussed at the next company meeting. Any members needing sexual harassment or blood borne pathogens there will be a make-up for that, which may be at a neighboring fire station. March 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our CPR recertification , March 9<sup>th</sup> will be CPR make-up. There are still a handful of members that need to have their physicals. The Review Board will meet sometime in March prior to the company meeting. Car 1 also reports that at all 3 stations there is a new auto drain on the Plymovent.

Car 2- absent due to sickness

Car 3- out of town for work. Assistant Chief B. Lehmann reports for Mikey P that the drill schedule is complete. The new format for drills will start most likely in April.

Car 4- Assistant Chief Lehmann reports that extrication gloves are for extrication, not for chimney fires! Members that are in driver training are in driver training. Members that are in

driver training are not to be driving apparatus to fire calls. After the call is over the driver trainee may drive the truck back to the station. There are some members with dirty gear. Please wash your gear if it is dirty. The newer CO forms are on most of the trucks now. If we touch a patient our EMT's should be filling out a PCR.

\*\* President Tooker briefly adjourned the meeting until 7:40pm due to a traffic accident call on Interstate 90 by the Elliot Road bridge. Chief Di'Martino advises for Engine 9 and Rescue 11 to handle the call.

After the adjournment the meeting was continued at 7:45pm.

Foreman- Matt Sullivan reports clean gear if you use someone else's.

Firefighters- Marty Miller reports the buildings are unlocked right now. Can anyone enter?

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES**

Building Use Report- President Tooker reports the total revenue for the month of January 2010 is \$2,980.00. The total expenses were \$1,371.50. The total profit for the month is \$1,608.50. Bob Falls Sr. makes a motion to accept the report. R.P Smith seconds the motion, and the report is accepted by the membership.

Pizza Night- no report yet for pizza night.

Convention- President Tooker advises that there is 1 room remaining for the convention in Lake George.

Constitution and By-Laws- Tom Chesser reports that any changes are due next month.

Fish Fry Nights- March 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>. Nelson Williams inquires if we are doing one on Good Friday. President Tooker states that we are not having a Fish Fry Night on Good Friday. Mike Stafford booked a wedding for Good Friday.

Pavillion- Steve Bakerian reports he needs a cleaning person at the Pavilion. It's a large commitment. Mike Stafford reports May, June, July and part of August are booked already.

Uniforms- Bob Lehmann reports that his committee has enough money to purchase 5 uniforms.

### **PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Patrick Forgea residing on Hydor Drive has submitted an application for active membership. Patrick has been an avid member of the Explorer Post. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept Patrick as an active member of the Fire Company. Nelson Williams seconds the motion. All members in favor.

Meghan Di'Martino has submitted an application to become a member of the fire company. She is already a member of our Ladies Auxiliary. Matt Sullivan makes a motion to accept her application. Mike Benson Sr. seconds the motion, and her application will be tabled for a month.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Jim Cartright would like to bring up his motion from December. His motion was about a member to attend members only events with regards to their points standings from the previous years. President Tooker advises that Nancy Fitzgerald has the answer however she can't make it here to the meeting due to bad weather conditions in Connecticut. There will be an answer at next month's meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Tooker introduced and discussed Resolution #6, which is the cleaning of the firehouses. This includes removing garbage, cleaning bathrooms, sweeping, mopping, cleaning windows etc. Jeff did get a quote from a local cleaning company and they estimated \$7,000.00 as a deal. President Tooker outlined this resolution and the resolution will be posted at the firehouses. Tim Boel makes a motion to adopt Resolution #6. Kathy Miller seconds the motion, and the Resolution is adopted.

President Tooker reports that we haven't received our money yet from the fire district.

Chris Cargain- inquires about St. Patrick's Day Parade. Are we attending. Eddie D reports that he is waiting on a call back from CHFD Car 1. He made a call to Albany with regards to the parade.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Pete Lehmann makes a motion to endorse Duncan Wilson from Woodstock Fire Co. Tim Boel seconds the motion. The motion is carried. Pete Lehmann also makes a motion to endorse Marilyn Schrader of the Woodstock Fire Co for her position she is seeking within the HVVFA. Tim Boel seconds the motion, and the motion is carried.

Rensselaer County Board of Elections- they are insisting we keep our price @ \$100.00. We sent them a letter and said \$200.00. When they received that letter they told President Tooker that they had wanted to use our coatroom. They really have do not have anywhere else to go. Tim Boel makes a motion that we allow them to use the buildings for \$100.00. They must leave it the way they found it in. Take the garbage out, etc. \$100.00 and our cleaning fee, or \$100.00 and they clean it. Motion carried 25-7 after a hand count. President Tooker has also requested a printout of what they pay everyone else for their usage.

Pete Lehmann has two contracts for Red Cap Marching Band. \$1,500.00 is the price. They are asking for \$100.00 more for this year, which would make it \$1600.00. Pete Lehmann makes a motion to accept this contract. Ed Di'Martino seconds the motion. This contract is for one year. The motion is carried.

The second contract is for 2011-2015 for the Red Cap Marching Band. \$1600.00 per appearance. There is an Escalator clause also in contract. \$1600.00 per year. There is an escalator in there. Pete Lehmann makes motion we enter into the contract. Pete requests the Board of Directors to execute this contract. Ed Di'Martino seconds the motion. Dave Chesnut inquires if it falls within budget. Tom Gullo inquires if there is a cap on the escalator clause. Marty Miller inquires if we could get a 6<sup>th</sup> year there for our 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary? After some brief discussion the motion carried with all members in favor.

Ed Di'Martino reports Tom Kennedy is performing in the Guns and Hoses finale. We have secured a Yankees Trails bus again. The event is Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Bob Lehmann makes a motion to adjourn, Tom Gullo seconds the motion with the meeting adjourned at 8:28pm. Food next month is Engine 9.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Benson Jr.-Secretary

